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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office action mailed from the Patent Office on March 12, 2003. A petition and appropriate fee for a one month extension of time for response up to and including July 14, 2003, are submitted herewith.

Claims 1-12 are pending. Claims 1-9 and 12 stand rejected. Claims 10 and 11 are objected to. Applicants cancel without prejudice claim 10 and amend claims 1, 11, and 12. Accordingly, after entry of this Amendment, claims 1-9, 11, and 12 will be pending for examination.

AMENDMENT

To the Specification

Please insert on page 1, before the first sentence, the following paragraph.

This application is the National Stage of International Application No. PCT/NO99/00116, filed on April 7, 1999, which claims priority to Norwegian Application No. 981631, filed on April 8, 1998.

To The Claims

Please cancel without prejudice claim 10.